

# TRUSTEES VOTE ANTI-OIL LAW

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### ORDINANCE PRESAGES VOTE BY PEOPLE

### Sh Is Only Member Opposed to New Measure

### UNDS ARE BUSY

### eculation Speeds City Dads To Take Action

With all members present for the time in several months Torr-trustees Tuesday night passed through first reading an ordinance prohibiting the drilling of oil wells in the restricted district of the city. Trustee Nash alone voted against the measure.

**Fitzhugh, Speaks**

The ordinance was suggested by trustee Stone and introduced by trustee Fitzhugh, who prefaced his motion with the following statement: "It is understood that a lease has been taken within the present restricted district for test purposes. This has precipitated a state of affairs which it was hoped would occur until an opportunity was afforded for thorough study of the advisability of drilling the townsite. In view of the fact that there has been an opportunity to study the subject, and it does not appear to be the present production that it would be advisable to allow drilling, I wish to introduce a prohibitory ordinance. In introducing this ordinance I desire it to be clearly understood that individual opinion of the board members is that the majority rule, but that this ordinance is necessary to give opportunity for proper investigation and full expression of citizens and property owners before drilling is allowed. It is evident that if drilling is allowed it will be next to impossible to stop, while if prohibited until demanded by the majority harm will result."

**Nash Against Ordinance**

Trustee Nash declared that he believed it the duty of the board to give the opinion of the majority rather than to take it upon itself to conjecture over that opinion and to pass such an ordinance. He called attention to the fact that several petitions against such an ordinance had been received by the board at the recent meeting.

"I'm not in favor of the ordinance," he concluded.

**Taylor Objects**

Trustee R. Taylor, who recently presided at a meeting of the Freeholders league, an organization opposed to a prohibitory ordinance, declared that the passage of the ordinance would "precipitate" the issue.

"The time for such an ordinance is not ripe," he said.

Declaring himself a resident voter and property owner in Torrance, Taylor referred to the Freeholders league and said that the organization "may probably become a great power in Torrance." Mr. Taylor concluded: "If the board passes this ordinance there is no doubt but what there will be a referendum vote on the proposition." Trustee Proctor made an impassioned plea for saving Torrance as a city of homes.

**Proctor Makes Plea**

He said, "If Mr. Taylor is correct in his statement that there will be a referendum if this ordinance is passed, then that is an argument for and not against the ordinance. The question ought to be settled just as soon as possible. If the ordinance

# STRIKE RICH OIL AT 5160 FEET

## Julian Starts Work On Well In Lomita

### HERE'S HOW LOCAL OIL FIELD LOOKS TO A BIRD

J. M. Cross, undaunted by the death of his brother, William L. Cross, noted aero-photographer, is carrying on the business of taking pictures from the air. He came to the local oil field and while here snapped this aerial photo especially for this paper. The picture shows the newly developed area in north Lomita and south Torrance. In the center is the old Redondo road with many new rigs flanking it on either side. The corner of Arlington and the old Redondo is just out of the picture on the right. In the distance can be seen the wells on Carson street. The brother of the man who took this picture was killed in a crash at Santa Fe Springs on July 22. But his brother is taking the pictures in one of the three planes, piloted by Arthur Goebel. Mrs. E. F. Cross, widow of the dead aviator is in charge of the business, which is the oldest concern in southern California specializing in aerial photography.



### 32 GRAVITY SHOWN BY UNION'S TEST

### Cores From Francis No. 2 Well Proves Deep Sands IS FAR TO WEST Deep Test Hole May Locate Another "Meyer" Sand

High gravity oil—the highest in the entire local field was located in commercial quantities this week in the most northwesterly section of the field at the Union Oil company's Francis No. 2 which is now drilling ahead at around 5300 feet.

Coming from unimpeachable authority, the information on Union's operations near Redondo is certainly the most illuminating yet recorded in the local field.

For it proves a strong indication that deep drilling will eventually be highly profitable in at least some sections of proven territory.

**History of Well**

Francis No. 2 was cemented off at 5030 feet, after having passed through the two top sands.

A core taken at 5110 showed sand containing oil of more than 30 gravity.

Another core taken at 5162 feet showed oil of between 32 and 33 gravity.

The drill is now rotating in exceedingly hard shale. It is known that the company will attempt to pierce this formation with the expectations that a deep sand, as important to this field as the famous Meyer sand was to Santa Fe Springs, may be located somewhere between 5300 and 5500 feet.

There has been no production in the territory north and west of Torrance from any but the top sand, located from 3200 feet to 3500 feet and dipping further down toward Torrance, as indicated by the levels at which Shedd No. 1 and Torrance No. 10 and the Peterson Barker wells were cemented.

**Find Series of Sands**

But the logs of wells that have gone deeper prove that there is a series of interstratified sands at several different levels.

At around 3800 feet the second sand was located by Shell's Redondo No. 1 and Standard's Felker No. 1. Intermediate water has been located at around 4278 with the most interesting series of interstratified sands starting at 4300 and going on down as far as the Union well has been drilled—almost to 5300 feet.

These interstratified sands are separated by extremely hard shale. It is from these sands that Standard will attempt to make Felker No. 1 a producer.

Whether these sands will be commercial further east is a matter of conjecture of course. The dip in the structure toward Torrance has been established by the Shedd, Torrance No. 10 and the Peterson Barker. The latter cemented off almost 500 feet below the average level in the Carson Street district. The deep-

### SWAB SHOWS WATER LEAK IN WILDCAT

After twelve hours of swabbing had brought up nothing more exciting than mud and oil-streaked water, owners of the Peterson-Barker wildcat well north of the Union Tool company's plant decided to pull up casing in an attempt to try a packing job. As a result the crew stopped swabbing late Wednesday night and Thursday morning was pulling casing. It is probable that another try for production will be made Friday.

Just where the water is coming in, is doubtful. But the swabbing convinced the owners and drillers that there is a casing leak. Hundreds of persons thronged around the well Wednesday while it was being swabbed. The water trouble is not considered serious. In case the packing job fails, the well will be recompleted.

**Four Near Production**

Four wells are approaching the production stage west of Torrance. The U. S. Royalties, Vista Highlands No. 1 is being drilled ahead. It is

### PLAN TO PAVE SEVERAL STS. IN TORRANCE

In response to a petition from residents of the district Torrance trustees Tuesday night set in motion procedure for the paving or repaving of all streets in the area bounded on the north by the south side of Carson street, on the south by the north of 22nd street, on the east by the middle of Cabrillo street and on the west by the east line of Carson street. The petition calls for 4-inch Willite.

City Engineer Jessup declared that excellent pavement can be laid on Andreo and Gramercy streets using the present pavement for a base. The trustee's action consisted of passing a resolution calling for the drafting of a resolution of intent.

**Torrance—Front—Chief**

Chief of Police Anderson was instructed Tuesday night by the board of trustees to issue a warning against the burning of refuse in the city at times of the day when such fires are prohibited by city ordinance. The ordinance stipulates that

### FREEHOLDERS GET REPORT ON DRILLING

Members of the Freeholders league met Wednesday night in Catholic hall to hear the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the advisability of drilling for oil in Torrance. The report of the committee outlined considerable information gleaned by the committee some of which was favorable in the committee's opinion for oil drilling and some of which was not. The report made no definite recommendation, but set forth plans for carrying the investigation further.

The report asserted that attempts are being made to lease town lots in Torrance now. A supplemental report comments on the passage through the first reading of the anti-drilling ordinance by the board of Trustees. The comment is not complimentary.

The committee will seek the assistance of the Dominguez Land corporation in carrying on its investigation. The report cautioned residents against leasing without being fully aware of all restrictions.

### JULIAN CREW BUSY RIGGING ROYALTY WELL

**Phenis No. 1 Cements Off At 3110 Feet In Lomita**

Extending the field of operations considerably to the east and south C. C. Julian this week put 25 men to work rigging up and setting boilers on the old Torrance-Lomita Royalties lease east of Lomita. Julian will spud in in a few days. The well is on Lot 6 Tract 222 on a four-acre lease.

**Two Near Production**

Two more producers are due to be brought in shortly in the southern part of the field—Torrance No. 8 of the Chanslor Canfield Midway Oil company on the old Redondo road, opposite the Midway Northern gusher and Phenis No. 1 of the Fortuna Oil company on Acacia street.

Torrance No. 8 is now coring carefully ahead a little below 3600 feet. It will be drilled down to 3700 feet, more than 100 feet below the level

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